IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (New): A computer controlled deal capture system, comprising:

at least one remotely located, client operable deal capture computer interface configured for selective entry of deal capture information; and

a deal management computer system interconnected to said deal capture interface and configured to receive said deal capture information and to process said information to deal settlement.

7. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said deal capture interface is operable to allocate a single trade entry into multiple funds.

8. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said deal capture interface includes a client specific trade blotter interface displaying multiple trades for said client of distinct product types in a single screen.

9. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said deal capture interface is operable to display data entry fields for at least one of a party, a counterparty, a senior product type, and a subordinate product type, based on stored templates corresponding to select deal capture formats, including senior and subordinate product types.

10. (New): The system according to claim 9, wherein said templates include default values for multiple data entry fields based on initial deal parameters.

11. (New): The system according to claim 9, wherein said deal capture interface is configured to display a list of previously stored counterparties for selection in a DEAL IN PROCESS state.

12. (New): The system according to claim 9, wherein a user can create and store for future use custom templates for new deal parameters.

13. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said client is a hedge fund client.

14. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said deal capture information includes deal type and deal parties.

15. (New): The system according to claim 6, wherein said deal capture information includes

information supporting a cash, futures, or derivative investment.

16. (New): A deal management computer system for supporting at least one remote, client

operated deal capture computer interface, comprising:

a deal processing computer system for receiving captured deal information from said

remote, client operated deal capture computer interface, said deal processing computer system

including programming to track and facilitate said deal information through a plurality of states,

including settlement and clearing of said deal information, in communication with said remote,

client operated deal capture computer interface.

17. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 16, wherein said states include (i)

DEAL IN PROCESS, (ii) DEAL PENDING TRADE AUTHORIZATION, (iii) DEAL

PENDING MIDDLE OFFICE PROCESSING, and (iv) DEAL IN BACK OFFICE.

18. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 17, wherein the DEAL IN

PROCESS state involves entry of substantially all the deal information necessary to submit for

trading and/or AAA authorization.

19. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 18, wherein said deal processing computer system further processes said deal information to an action type, including ND (new deals); CH Change (edit/correct); FT (Termination-Full); and PT (partial termination).

20. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 19, further comprising action types of CX (option exercise) and OX (option expiry).

21. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 16, wherein said programming further provides for transitioning said deal information to a user responsible for a next state in sequence.

22. (New): The deal management computer system of claim 16, wherein said deal processing computer system provides interactive processing of a captured deal.

23. (New): A computer controlled system for managing deal capture and deal processing comprising:

a) at least one remotely located deal capture computer including an interface for use by a client to effect a deal capture process on one or more of cash and derivative instrument; and

b) a deal management computer in communication with said deal capture computer for receiving information from said deal capture computer regarding a deal entered by said client,

said deal management computer operable to facilitate processing of said deal information to completion.

24. (New): The system of claim 23, wherein said deal management computer is interactively operable through multiple deal states.

25. (New): The system of claim 23, wherein said deal state include states for trade authorization and settlement.